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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/06

SPONSOR Sanchez, B. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Enlace Program SB 418

ANALYST Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$1,400.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to appropriations in SB35 and HB169 (duplicates); it also relates to SB36 and HB209 (duplicates).

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
 New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)  
 New Mexico Public Education Department (PED)  
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 418 appropriates \$1.4 million from the general fund to New Mexico State University for its Engaging Latino Communities for Education (ENLACE) program. No restrictions or objectives are given regarding the uses of the appropriation.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.4 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund. The same appropriation request was contained in Senate Bill 972 in the 2005 Session, which was funded at the level of \$712.5 for 2006. The funding request from NMSU for this program was included in the HED budget request at the level of \$700.0.

**RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Bill 36 and House Bill 209 each appropriate \$400.0 to New Mexico State University. Senate Bill 35 and House Bill 169 also appropriate \$300.0 to New Mexico State University, but also appropriate the same amount to the University of New Mexico and the Santa Fe Community College.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

ENLACE stands for “ENgaging LATino Communities for Education.” ENLACE New Mexico was established in 2000 with the assistance of a grant awarded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as part of a national initiative to improve the educational participation and graduation rates of Latino students through enhanced community involvement.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department notes that academic achievement and dropout data show a significant gap between Latino students and other student groups in New Mexico public schools. The ENLACE program seeks to increase the six-year graduation rate for Hispanic students and increase enrollment rates for Hispanic students at higher education institutions.

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